



### *Description*

#### FIELD OF THE INVENTION

This invention relates to a device for containing bait for fishing. More specifically, the invention relates to a device for holding cut or live bait that hangs from two handles from the rail of a boat, that is readily accessible and has an extension one side to hold tools and the other side to hold a cup, can or bottled beverage.

#### BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Many devices have been provided for convenient carrying of baits and tackle for fishing. Such devices have included conventional tackle boxes, compartmentalized plastic containers, minnow pails and buckets and the like.

Various baits such as clams, bunker, squid, worms fish eggs and killies are utilized for fishing. Many of such types of baits are stored in a central area away from the fishermen. A need existed for a convenient and portable way for fishermen to access their bait. Numerous types of fishing equipment has been provided in prior art that are adapted to retain tackle, bait and the like. For example, U.S. Pat. Nos. 3,113,818; 3,859,747; 4,744,614 and 4,890,414 are illustrative of such prior art. While these units may be suitable for the particular purpose to which they address, they would not be as suitable for the purposes of the present invention as heretofore described.

#### SUMMARY OF INVENTION

It is a principal object of the present invention to provide a convenient, portable and easily accessible way to retain and transport one or more cut and or live types of bait. In accordance with an important aspect of the invention, two handles are provided with opposite closure angles to hang from a boat rail to ensure stability while hanging from a boat rail.

A further object is to provide a cut and or live bait holder that is simple and easy to use.

A still further object is to provide a cut and or live bait holder that is economical in cost to manufacture.

Briefly, the invention provides a device that retains, is easily accessible and transports cut and or live bait that hangs by two "J" shaped brackets/handles and extends upward from the main body of the device, facing in opposite directions, enabling the apparatus to hang from the railing of a boat, pier, dock or fishing area and maintains stability against turbulent water/windy conditions. The device includes an extension on its side for holding tools such as pliers, knives or clippers. The opposite side of the device contains holder for a cup, can or bottled beverage.

Further aspects and advantages of the invention will become apparent from the following detailed description, claims and accompanying drawings. However, the drawings are illustrative only, and changes may be made in specific construction illustrated and described within the scope of amended claims.